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SUBJECT: ICJ ELECTIONS - STILL NO COMMENT FROM GOJ

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1. On May 6, Poloff met with Angella Brown, Deputy Director, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, to deliver reftel dipnote, talking points, and accompanying c.v. of Thomas Buerghenthal. Brown welcomed the information and responded that she would review it, but deferred to MFAFT's permanent secretary, who she said will make the final decision.

2. On June 16, Poloff contacted Pamela Ingleton, International Organizations Department, to discuss a separate issue, and used the opportunity to follow up on the earlier demarche about ICJ elections. When asked whether the GOJ would support the U.S. candidate, Ingleton replied that she would not be able to comment specifically on the matter until the date of the ICJ elections is nearer.

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